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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Scott J. TUMAN et al.) Group Art Unit: 1762
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed 20 May 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 21, 31-37, 40, 48, and 53-55. The amended claims are provided below in clean form. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, amended claims are also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate changes made (for convenience, all pending claims, including those added hereby, are provided in Appendix A).

21. (AMENDED) A web construction comprising:
a web coextensive with the web construction;
a plurality of discrete polymeric regions fused to a first major side of the web; and